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**AMENDMENT**

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Remarks begin on page 2 of this paper.

Attachments to this amendment include Declaration of Dr. Marie-Lise Gougeon; Curriculum Vitae of Dr. Marie-Lise Gougeon; pending claims; as-filed specification; Holmbach et al., J. of Virology 67:1612-1619; Spenlehauer et al., J. of Virology 72:9855-9864; Gaschen et al., Science 296:2354; and Gallo, Lancet, early online publication (September 28, 2005); Burton et al., Nature Immunol. 5:233-236 (2004); Frahm et al., J. Virol 78:2187 (2004); Yang et al., J. Virol. 78:4029 (2004); Tanabe et al., J. Biochem. 96:365 (1984); Lacal et al., Mol. Cell Biol., 6:1002 (1986).